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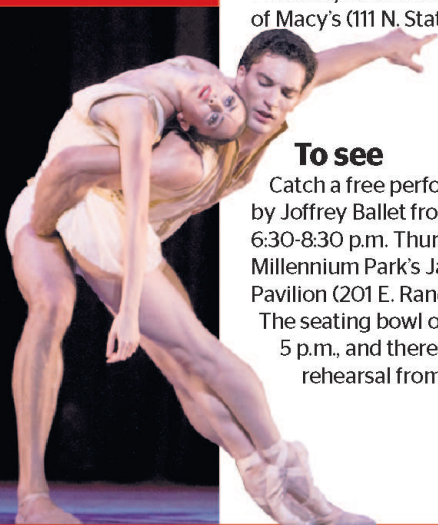
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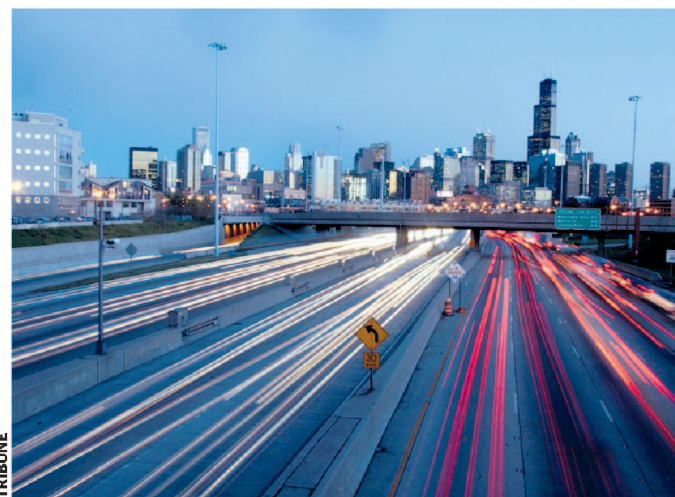
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Sen. Max Baucus unveiled legislation Wednesday to overhaul the U.S. health care system. **BLOOMBERG**

Court sets execution date for D.C. sniper

Associated Press

A Virginia judge on Wednesday set a Nov. 10 execution date for John Allen Muhammad, mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 dead.

The attorney general's office last week requested that the execution be on Nov. 9, but Prince William County Circuit Judge Mary Grace O'Brien chose a day later. The date, which falls on a Tuesday, was picked so courts would be open the day before in case they have to take up last-minute appeals, said Jonathan Sheldon, Muhammad's attorney.

The date was picked during an early morning conference call with the judge, the attorney general's office and Sheldon.

Sheldon said Muhammad will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and ask Gov. Timothy Kaine for clemency.

Muhammad was sentenced to death for the slaying of Dean Meyers, who was shot at a Manassas gas station during a three-week killing spree in October 2002 that left 10 dead in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

They also were suspected of shootings in several other states, including a killing in Louisiana and another in Alabama.

His teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, is serving life in prison for the shooting spree.

Last month a federal appeals court rejected Muhammad's argument that prosecutors withheld critical evidence and that Muhammad never should have been allowed to act as his own attorney for a portion of his trial because he was too mentally impaired.

The attorney general's office declined to comment Wednesday.

\$856 BILLION REFORM

PLAN TO OVERHAUL HEALTH SYSTEM LACKS SUPPORT

Associated Press

Sen. Max Baucus on Wednesday brought out the much-awaited Finance Committee version of an American health-system remake—a landmark \$856 billion, 10-year measure that starts a rough ride through Congress without visible Republican backing.

The bill by Baucus, chairman of the Finance Committee, would make major changes to the nation's \$2.5 trillion health care system, including requiring all individuals to purchase health care or pay a fine, and language prohibiting insurance company practices like charging more to people with more serious health problems.

"This is a unique moment in history where we can finally reach an objective so many of us have sought for so long," said Baucus (D-Mont.). "The Finance Committee has carefully worked through the details of health care reform to ensure this package works for patients, for health care providers and for our economy."

Consumers would be able to shop for and compare insurance plans in a new purchasing exchange. Medicaid would be expanded, and caps would be placed on patients' yearly health care costs. The plan would be paid for with \$507 billion in cuts to government health programs and \$349 billion in new taxes and fees, including a tax on high-end insurance plans and fees on insurance companies and medical device manufacturers.

But the bill fails to fulfill President Obama's aim of creating a new

A CLOSER LOOK

People insured through large employers would not see major changes, but some of their health care benefits would be nicked to help pay for the cost of the plan. Everyone covered through an employer would learn the full costs of their health benefits, which starting next year would be reported on employees' W-2 tax forms. Although family coverage averages about \$13,000 a year, most workers don't know how much their employer is paying. Not carrying insurance could result in a steep fine, as much as \$3,800 per family, or \$950 for an individual. People who can't afford their premiums would be exempted from the fine.

government-run insurance plan—or option—to compete with the private market. It proposes instead a system of nonprofit member-owned cooperatives, somewhat akin to electric co-ops that exist in many places around the country. That was one of many concessions meant to win over Republicans.

Baucus still is holding out hope for GOP support when his committee actually votes on the bill, probably as early as next week.

"This is a good bill. This is a balanced bill," he told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference. Earlier, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said, "Everyone should understand it's just the beginning, but it's a good beginning."

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Facebook in the black

Facebook, the world's largest Internet social network, said this week it made more money than it spent, becoming cash flow positive for the first time since it was started nearly six years ago. The Palo Alto, Calif., company also said it had reached 300 million active users, which is almost equal to the population of the U.S. **L.A. TIMES**

35 The company says its fastest-growing demographic is now people 35 and over.

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A gift from these little 'Piggies'

If you haven't heard lately from that friend of yours who is a huge Beatles fan, he's likely squirreled himself away to listen over and over again to the brand-new, incredible-sounding remastered versions of the band's albums.

Or he's been in a terrible accident.

Last week, along with the much-anticipated release of a Beatles version of the video game "Frogger" in which you must maneuver Ringo across a busy street, the band finally issued a corrective to the shoddy Beatles CDs that have frustrated fans and Charles Manson alike for years.

Most exciting is that you can now buy a \$298.98 boxed set of the Beatles CDs in a "mono mix," or how the Beatles initially intended them—which, I think, means Yoko's vocals have been removed from "The Continuing Story of Bungalow Bill."

As one of the biggest Beatles fans and the owner of a Sanyo boom box purchased for \$60 at Target in the mid-'90s, I must say the remastered albums are a revelation. You've never heard "Yesterday" or "All You Need Is Love" or "Get Back" sound so clear. On the latter, you can practically hear the band breaking up!

But the true standout is the remastered version of "Piggies." The 12th song on the first disc of the "The White Album," the George Harrison-penned "Piggies" can finally be heard in its full glory. When George sings, "Have you seen the little piggies," you want to jump up and say, "Yes, I have!"

The "Abbey Road" album, however, has so far been the best-selling of the remastered discs, and it's easy to see why. This was the band at perhaps its most rocking, and songs like "Come Together" and "Oh! Darling" get a nice sonic boost. But let's get back to "Piggies."

The remastered "Piggies" should finally convince Beatles naysayers of the band's greatness—and innovativeness. Indeed, when the song's pig sound effects kick in, you can, for the first time, picture swine in the studio alongside the band.

Paul McCartney, in fact, says the new CDs "are more like what we heard coming out of the speakers as we made the records." That's quite an interesting assertion, and worth discussing in more detail.

Unfortunately, with limited space here, more discussion of "Piggies" takes precedence.

Lennon/McCartney are often hailed as the 20th Century's top songwriters, but this new "Piggies" calls into question whether they were even tops in their own band!

And as the two-minute-and-four-second "Piggies" reaches its crescendo, George's voice booms with an intensity heretofore never experienced by this listener.

"Everywhere there's lots of piggies/Living piggy lives," George tells us—and, in this biggest gift the newly remastered Beatles catalogue has given us, nobody can any longer doubt this assertion.



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Taking a step back

Footworkin' is white-hot right now, but Chicago also is known for another form of dance.

Steppin', as immortalized by the R. Kelly hit "Step in the Name of Love," is going strong and has spread to other cities. The dance—with its roots in the jitterbug and bopping—is a fluid, partnered dance done in 6-count or 8-count steps.

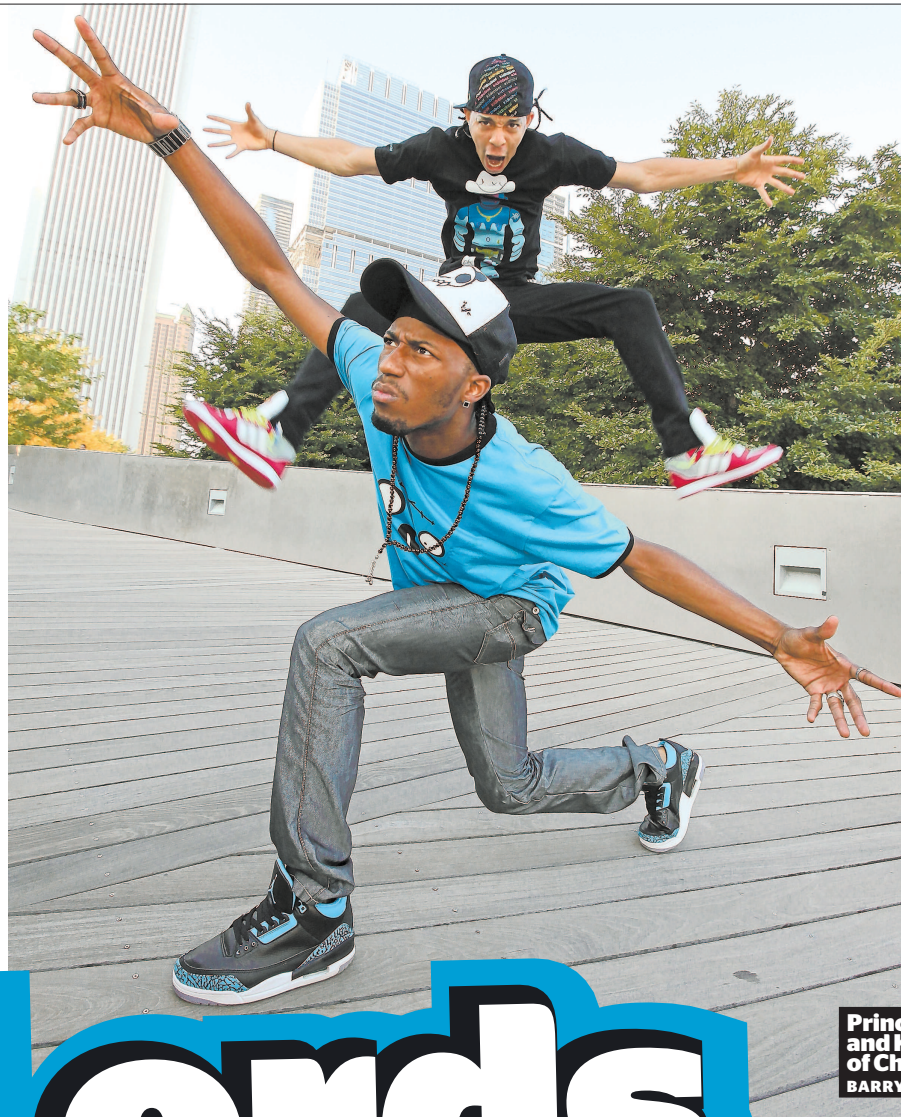
Each year, steppin' attracts thousands to the city for an annual World's Largest Steppers Contest, this year taking place on Sept. 19 at the Hyatt Hotel on 151 E. Wacker Drive. Steppers, from their late teens and up, compete for \$20,000, according to renowned dancer James Frazier, who founded steppin' group the Majestic Gents in the South Loop 12 years ago.

In that time, buoyed by mainstream stepper classics from Kelly's tune to the recent radio smash "On the Ocean" from Detroit's K'Jon, steppers have expanded their style and even the music they dance to, going from Luther Vandross and Smokey Robinson to dancing to gospel music or hip-hop steppin' to 50 Cent.

"I see the young ones out there doing it with the older, more classic-style steppers," Frazier, who is headquartered out of the South Loop, said. Frazier senses the dance form will only continue to grow—but in different directions. "Nowadays there is a lot more flair. More turns and twists. The music makes a real difference."

The dance—which flourished in black communities on the South and West Sides—is diversifying too, according to Frazier, who said "any and everybody" of all ages and skin colors came out to step earlier this summer when Majestic Gents participated in the city's SummerDance celebrations.

Even if you missed a chance to step out this summer, the Gents and others offer classes citywide. **K.K.**



Prince Jron (blue shirt) and King Charles are members of Chicago's FootworKINGz. **BARRY BRECHEISEN PHOTOS FOR REDEYE**



Lords of the dance

Chicago's FootworKINGz bringing Windy City style to the mainstream

By **Kyra Kyles** | REDEYE

Sometimes the calls come in the early hours of the morning. Word of a dance battle brewing in a local parking lot. In a park. Even at a gas station.

No matter the time, King Charles—a.k.a. Charles Parks—answers the call, he says. So it goes in the world of Chicago footworkin', where dancers from across the city meet in public spaces to pit their skills in a style of performance—often dubbed an urban riverdance—against one

another in informal bouts as a crowd looks on. At stake: reputation and recognition.

For the uninitiated, footworkin' is a rapid series of steps, leaps and twirls performed at a rate between 150 and 170 beats per minute, and it's moving quickly up the pop culture register right now.

Members of Chicago supergroup FootworKINGz, with which King Charles is affiliated, made it to the final 10 of "America's Got Talent" before being eliminated Sept. 9. The show wrapped Wednesday. King Charles, 22, who wasn't on the TV show, just wrapped a tour with fellow FootworKINGz member Prince Jron, 23—a.k.a. Jaron Boyd. Both men also were a part of Madonna's "Sticky and Sweet" tour after debuting on the "Hard Candy" leg last year.

As a result of these separate efforts at home and abroad, there is increased visibility for footworkin', following a minor flirtation with the mainstream including a choreography cameo in Missy Elliott's "Lose Control" video (2005) and a FootworKINGz appearance in a Verizon Wireless spot for a "juke" phone (2007).

The dance style has been developing on the South and West Sides of Chicago for more than 20 years. The FootworKINGz have been around as a supergroup since 2007.

"What they're doing is really bubbling to the surface," said Nick Pupillo, a professional ballet dancer and founder of the Visceral Dance Center who became



Wordplay

If you want to get up to speed on footworkin', no need to comb Wikipedia. RedEye presents a glossary of terms, people and places you need to know about this pop phenom:

Markham Skating Rink

A mecca for footworkers who go to this location at 16630 S. Dixie Highway to battle.

1.8.7.

The name of one of the prominent footworkin' crews in the city. 1.8.7. is the creative nemesis of the FootworKINGz, according to Leida "Lady Sol" Villegas.

'Watch My Feet'

Runaway single from West Siders Dude 'N Nem that helped introduce the world to the lightning-fast music for footwork in 2007.

Juking

Reaching a state of greatness and "hyneness" during any dance, which can include, but is not limited to footworkin', according to Jerry "Wala Cam" Williams, a 37-year-old West Sider who showcases footwork dancing on his Chicago Access Network TV program, self-titled YouTube channel and a series of footworkin' competitions including Queen of the Circle (ladies), King of the Shorties (children) and Battle of the Bosses (plus-size men).

YouTube footworkers

Aspiring footworkers who learn their moves online. FootworKINGz members King Charles and Prince Iron said such tutelage, without one-on-one training, can dilute the dance and place undue focus on "fancier" moves.

acquainted with the street dance style after renting space to FootworKINGz.

Pupillo was so impressed that two months ago, he donated practice space to them at his facility, located at 2820 N. Elston Ave. And he isn't the only one enthralled with the fast-moving phenom.

Despite their "America's Got Talent" loss, FootworKINGz were selected as a "judge's choice" and dazzled audiences with glow-in-the dark costumes. Later this month, FootworKINGz members will teach their first master class for about 80 members of the public at Visceral. On Oct. 3, the crew lifts off with "Take Flight," a mini-documentary that explores footwork origins and their own success through dance, said group manager Leida "Lady Sol" Villegas.

Villegas, with the help of King Charles, began putting the supergroup together after watching his Creation dance crew perform at a Museum of Contemporary Art event in 2006. Villegas, herself a dancer with bi-coastal connections, was blown away by the rapid-fire moves back then, she said. Starting with, and working with King Charles, Villegas built the crew up to 10 official members, and two alternates, some of whom have traveled the world.

Still, footworkin' itself still has further to travel before truly breaking into the mainstream.

"We've got to get out in the world and get people battling all over the world like the krumpers, poppers, the lockers and the house [dancers] do," Villegas said, referring

to other popular styles of street dance.

During their travels overseas, King Charles and Iron served as de facto diplomats.

Both recently participated in the famed Juste Debout dance competition in Paris, while touring with Madonna, where they placed in the semifinals to their surprise, Prince Iron said.

"It was a touching experience for me to go to this tournament thinking we weren't going to get no respect and instead it was the opposite," Prince Iron said. "Afterward, when we traveled, people would come up to us and ask 'Are you FootworKINGz,' and want us to sign stuff for them."

King Charles savored an opportunity to enter a house dancing competition in London, during which he was forced to slow his moves down significantly to match the music of the competition. He entered solo and lasted until the finals, when he said he was narrowly defeated in a tie-breaker with a Londoner.

"They were probably thinking they'd never see me again, and this guy is like a favorite," Charles said, adding that his competitor was "really dope." "But really, it meant a lot I got so far."

And the FootworKINGz—as well as their dance of choice—could go even further, Villegas predicts.

"It's an evolution, but we are seeing progress and opportunity," Villegas said. "Right now, I've got more gigs than I've got dancers who can actually take them."

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CHICAGO'S GOT TALENT

Looking to fill your dance card? Check out some upcoming events where you can get your groove on or lend support from the sidelines:

» Saturday: FootworKINGz master class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Visceral Dance Center at 2820 N. Elston Ave. Class fee is \$20 and more details available at visceraldance.com.

» Find steppin' lessons at steppersusa.com.

» Saturday: World's Largest Steppers Contest begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive. General admission tickets are \$30 (two for \$50, \$3 surcharge for electronic purchase). More details at wiscontest.com.

» Oct. 3: FootworKINGz DVD release at 2 p.m. Harold Washington Cultural Center Theater at 4701 S. Martin Luther King Drive. Tickets range between \$15 and \$25, depending on DVD purchase. Full ticket and DVD purchase information available at footworkingz.com.

Kelly's brother: Chris is at peace

Chicago Tribune

Christopher Kelly's family closed ranks in their grief Wednesday, but the funeral for one of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's chief confidants was a reminder that Kelly's life and death played out under an intense spotlight.

Rev. David Dowdle, pastor of St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Western Springs, said Kelly's "public and tragic death" had left his survivors coping with a range of emotions, from anger to love. Kelly, 51, died last week in what officials say was apparently a suicide as a prison sentence loomed.

The most well-known mourner, Blagojevich, sat conspicuously behind the Kelly family with his wife, Patti, and two daughters, all visibly moved and fighting back tears during the service. Blagojevich shook hands with several of about 200 mourners in the church but did not offer any public remarks during the one-hour service or afterward.

Kelly's family—including his estranged wife, Carmen, and their three daughters—filled the first five rows of the church.

Charles Kelly told mourners that his brother's main priority was always his family, which he said was prouder of him than ever "in every aspect of his life."

Charles Kelly said he could finally be sure that his brother was "at peace. Nothing more, nothing less."

Moments after mourners soulfully sang of the "valley of darkness" in the 23rd Psalm, Dowdle brought up the delicate issue of suicide.

He quoted another priest who said that "not even God can unscramble eggs," that some people are suffering to a degree no one can understand. "Only faith can give these emotions, these questions, any meaning," Dowdle said.

Officials say Kelly went to a rented trailer in Country Club Hills on Friday night and apparently ingested an overdose of pills. Toxicology tests are pending, but police say they consider the investigation closed.



President Obama jokes Wednesday about his fencing skills with Olympian Tim Morehouse on the lawn of the White House, during an event promoting Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

Backing the bid

Obamas and Daley make pitch for Chicago games in Washington, D.C.

Chicago Tribune

Sixteen days from the deciding vote, President Obama made a rousing pitch Wednesday for Chicago to win the Summer Olympic Games in 2016. He later joined in some Olympic-style fun and games on the South Lawn of the White House.

Obama said the health-care fight would keep him home next month when backers of Chicago's bid go to Copenhagen for the vote of the International Olympic Committee.

"But the good news is I'm sending a more compelling superstar to represent the city and the country we love, and that is our first lady, Michelle Obama," the president said.

The IOC will vote Oct. 2 on which of four bid cities will get the 2016 games: Chicago, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro or Tokyo.

From Mrs. Obama: "Barack and I would feel such tremendous pride to see the Olympic torch burning brightly in the city that we love so much."

The president said Wednesday that "Americans, like Chicagoans—we don't like to make small plans. We want to dream big and reach high. We hope deeply. We want these Games. And if you choose Chicago, I promise you this: Chicago will make America proud, and America will make the world proud."

Mayor Daley, representatives of Chicago 2016 and the U.S. Olympic Committee also were on hand to champion the city's bid. Daley invoked Olympic legends Jesse Owens and Ralph Metcalfe in pushing for the games.

With the South Lawn studded with Olympians—and middle-school children their spectators—the president took off his suit jacket before a judo demonstration, leaving spectators to wonder if he would take to the mat. "I'm not getting out there," he insisted. "Michelle can go if she wants." But, dressed as she was in a colorful print skirt, she demurred.

The president marveled when Olympic fencer Tim Morehouse, 31, of New York City, showed him the silver medal he captured in Beijing in 2008 for team fencing. Morehouse, in an interview, said he is training for the London games in 2012, and might try to stay in his sport past the usual retirement age, should Chicago land the bid.

The first lady, earlier, had said publicly that the president had tried his hand at fencing—apparently within the White House—but pronounced his effort "pathetic."

Obama asked Morehouse where he keeps the medal. "In a sock drawer, right now," the athlete replied, to laughter.

‘Ferris’ house in danger

Chicago Tribune

A Highland Park home and pavilion made famous in the movie “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” was named Wednesday as one of the Chicago area’s most endangered places by the nonprofit Landmarks Illinois preservation group.

The buildings are part of Landmarks Illinois’ eighth annual list of what it deems significant historical buildings or collections of buildings in danger of demolition or substantial alteration. Although no funding comes with the designation, Landmarks Illinois’ annual list is designed to educate the public and spur action.

Built from 1952 until 1954 and designed by architect A. James Speyer, the Highland Park home and pavilion that appeared in “Ferris Bueller” is for sale for \$2.3 million. It is at risk of being torn down, Landmarks officials say, because several inquiries have been made regarding the demolition of the house and a possible lot split.

Owner regains control of Burr Oak Cemetery

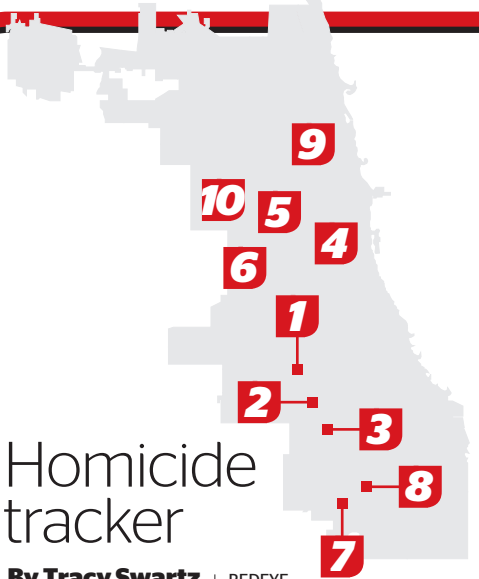
The keys to Burr Oak Cemetery were handed back Wednesday to the owners who were in charge when several workers allegedly dug up hundreds of graves to resell burial plots—a transfer of control that angered some people with relatives buried there. A court-appointed receiver had to relinquish control to Perpetua Holdings after it filed for Chapter 11 protection this week, said Cook County Sheriff’s Department spokesman Steve Patterson.

It’s not a cougar

Once again, sightings of animals thought to be cougars are being reported in the Chicago area—this time in Wheaton. On Wednesday, a Brookfield Zoo expert analyzed impressions of paw prints found in an area along a dry creek bed and said they don’t appear to be a cougar’s.

CTA fire extinguished

A small fire erupted on CTA train tracks in the Loop on Wednesday night, but no one was hurt, according to the Chicago Fire Department. The fire started on tracks—which are traveled over by Brown, Pink, Orange and Purple Line trains—near Van Buren and Wells Streets about 6:30 p.m., said Fire Department spokesman Question Curtis. The blaze started on a rail tie, a piece of equipment that holds the tracks together.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Auburn Gresham saw two homicides last week, according to RedEye’s analysis of preliminary police data.

A 20-year-old man was shot to death in the 7900 block of South Paulina Street on Sept. 10. A body, wrapped in plastic, was found the same day in the 8900 block of South May Street. The body later was identified as a 27-year-old man who died of gunshot wounds.

Auburn Gresham has seen three homicides this month and 12 for the year, RedEye found.

“Any shooting, any homicide is unacceptable,” said Rev. Michael Pfleger, pastor of St. Sabina Church in Auburn Gresham. “The problem we’re dealing with is bigger than the gang thing. It’s easy access to guns; it’s the economy; it’s bad liquor stores and businesses that attract wrong stuff.”

Citywide, 16 homicides have been recorded this month. Chicago police logged 54 homicides in September 2008. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from Sept. 9 to 4 p.m. Wednesday
(Note: All locations had one victim.)

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Buffett on the economy

1 Billionaire investor Warren Buffett says the economy appears to have leveled off at the bottom of the recession over the summer, but Berkshire Hathaway's CEO still isn't seeing much improvement. Buffett talked about the economy during an interview with CNBC.

\$29,000 tip dispute

2 A woman who worked catering events for the University of Notre Dame decided it was her lucky day when she received a \$29,000 tip, but now the university is suing her to get the money back. The South Bend, Ind., school says in a lawsuit that it paid Sara Gaspar the huge gratuity instead of about \$29 because of a clerical error.

Lightning kills 5 kids

3 A lightning strike killed five children at their school in northwest Cameroon as they were preparing to begin their school day, a local doctor said Wednesday. Some 58 others were taken to a hospital near the small village of Bamali.

**New prime minister of Japan**

4 Japan's new prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama (above), said Wednesday that he intends to change his country's "somewhat passive" relationship with the U.S. and to review the American military presence there. **AP PHOTO**

Biden visit

5 Insurgents fired at least two rockets Wednesday at the Green Zone in Baghdad, just minutes after Vice President Joe Biden wrapped up meetings with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

THE DIGIT**62.5° Fahrenheit**

Ocean temperatures averaged 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the June-August period, 1.04 degrees higher than normal for the period, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Wednesday.



Spanish court: It's OK to call your boss a 'son of a [bleep]'

6 **MADRID** A court in Barcelona says insulting your boss with one particularly foul obscenity is not grounds for dismissal, insisting the slight is common in arguments in Spain and not that big a deal.

The zinger in question translates as "son of a [bleep]," and was used by a worker against his boss during a January 2008 money dispute in the northeastern city of Gerona. The worker, who also called his boss "crazy," was

promptly fired.

The man lost a first court challenge, but won on appeal with the Superior Court of Justice of Catalonia in February.

The ruling—first reported this week by Spanish human resources Web site Carta de Personal—said the worker should either be reinstated in his job or receive 6,483 euro (\$9,472) in compensation. It is not known which option the employer picked.

"Without a doubt, both expressions are insulting," Judge Sara Maria Pose Vidal said in the ruling, a copy of which was obtained by the AP. But she noted that when the man called his boss crazy, he had been on his way out of the office and the boss did not hear it.

She also wrote that the "son of a [bleep]" remark should be viewed in linguistic context.



Report: Yale student was suffocated

7 **NEW HAVEN, Conn.** The chief state's medical examiner said Wednesday that a Yale University graduate student whose body was found stuffed inside a basement wall died of traumatic asphyxiation.

Dr. Wayne Carver's office released the results three days after the body of 24-year-old Annie Le was found in a Yale medical school research building. Carver had previously announced Le's death as a homicide.

Police released a Yale University animal research technician from custody Wednesday after collecting DNA samples and questioning him in Le's killing.

Raymond Clark III was taken into custody Tuesday night at his apartment and was released into the custody of his attorney early Wednesday, New Haven police said.



Milk madness

8 **CINEY, Belgium** Belgian farmers spray almost 800,000 gallons of fresh milk onto their fields Wednesday, furious over the low milk prices they say are bankrupting them. Milk farmers' groups say world prices have sunk so much that they are having to sell milk at half their production costs, leaving more and more farmers unable to pay their bills. **AP PHOTO**





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First looks

Jay Cutler and Jake Peavy aren't the only Chicago athletes whose debuts have come with great expectations. Here are some other big names and their big—or not—first games in front of the home crowd.

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Derrick Rose, Bulls

The hometown hero from Englewood, drafted No. 1 overall, scored 11 points and dished out nine assists in his debut at the United Center on Oct. 28 last year. The Bulls won the game, too, 108-95.

Milton Bradley, Cubs

The slugger came to the Cubs with question marks because of his character and past injuries, and his honeymoon was short-lived. In his first at-bat at Wrigley, he struck out. Could have been a sign.

Ben Wallace, Bulls

The Piston-turned-Bull center was supposed to help the young Bulls get over the hump. It never worked out, but in his first game at the United Center on Fear the 'Fro night in November 2006, the big guy scored nine points and grabbed a solid 13 rebounds.

Jim Thome, White Sox

It didn't take long for the eventual Hall of Famer to make his presence known on the South Side. In the home opener at U.S. Cellular Field in April 2006, Thome hit a two-run homer in a 10-4 Sox win.

Muhsin Muhammad, Bears

In September 2005, the Moose helped the Bears beat Detroit, 38-6, at Soldier Field. He caught six passes for 81 yards and a touchdown. This was before, of course, he said wide receivers go to Chicago "to die."

SOURCES: NBA.COM, NFL.COM, MLB.COM

Bears' big-name quarterback, White Sox's big-name pitcher make their Chicago debuts

RedEye

Jake Peavy hasn't played a game yet for the White Sox. Jay Cutler might wish he hadn't played a game for the Bears yet. Peavy and Cutler, two big names who fans hope have big games in their debuts in Chicago this weekend. Peavy starts his first game at U.S. Cellular Field since the Sox traded for him July 31. Cutler does the same for the Bears on Sunday at Soldier Field. They acquired the gunslinging quarterback in April. So, whose debut is bigger? One word: Faceoff.

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Jake Peavy vs. Jay Cutler

HYPE

☐ **JAKE:** He's a Cy Young award winner and perhaps one of the best pitchers in the league, but he shares the load with four other starters.

☒ **JAY:** He's been called by many as the best Bears quarterback since Sid Luckman, who led the team to three titles in the 1940s.

MONEY MEN

☒ **JAKE:** He's owed \$48 million over the next three years.

☐ **JAY:** He's in the middle of a six-year, \$48 million contract.

EXPECTATIONS

☐ **JAKE:** Nothing less than a World Series win, which the Sox accomplished in 2005.

☒ **JAY:** Nothing less than a Super Bowl win, which would duplicate the 1985 Bears.

NEW TEAM TALK

☒ **JAKE:** "I'm excited to go to an organization that has made winning a priority."

☐ **JAY:** "I'm going to have to do some research on Sid [Luckman]."

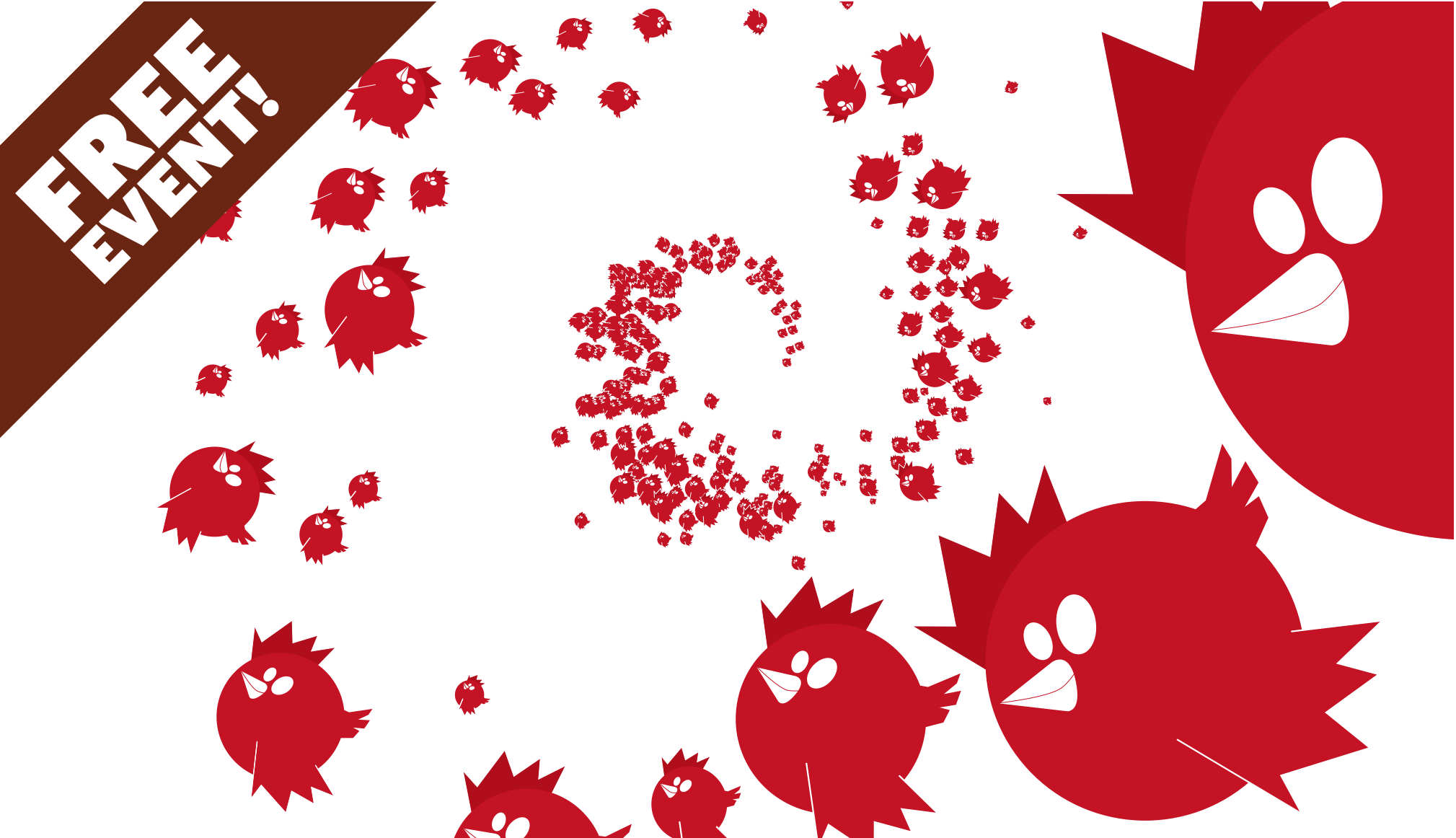
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☐ **JAKE:** He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct in 2007 after parking his truck illegally at Mobile Regional Airport in Alabama.

☒ **JAY:** He threw a fit in the off-season after learning the Denver Broncos had entertained the thought of trading for quarterback Matt Cassell. Cutler's trade to the Bears came soon after.

WINNER

Chicago is a Bears town, and Cutler is the man expected to resurrect the Monsters of the Midway. Good luck, Jay. You'll need it.



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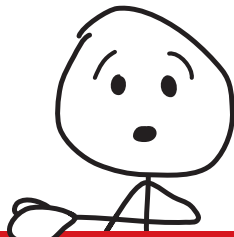
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1 What advice would you give Jay Cutler before his first game at Soldier Field?	If you thought we were angry after Week 1, try throwing four picks at home.	Jay, do not throw four interceptions in the first half, kthxbye.	Know all the exits. Better yet, use a sick day.	Don't let Kanye take the helmet mic.	Get your ice cream in a cup, not a cone. Less mess.
2 What would a second straight loss do to Bears Nation?	It's already in mourning. A loss on Sunday is largely expected.	Secede from nation.	Well, it would be like me finding out I missed a sale at my favorite store—crushing!	Start hockey season early.	Who knows? I just hope it wouldn't affect the bears at Brookfield Zoo. They're so cute.
3 What was your reaction when you heard Jake Peavy would finally start for the White Sox?	That no good can come of it except selling a few thousand more tickets.	Like opening Christmas presents on Jan. 25.	'bout time.	It won't be hard to upstage Cutler's debut.	I assumed Jimmy would make a joke about bourbon and hookers. Whatever those are.
4 How are you counting down the games left in the Cubs' season?	I'm not. I stopped paying attention weeks ago.	The Cubs still have a season?	The same way I'm counting down the days to the end of the school year ... wait, school just started.	As fast as I can.	I bet I can eat a bag of Jelly Bellies every day until the end of the playoffs. I'm hopeful.
5 What's one of the special features of the video game "NHL 10" with Patrick Kane on the cover?	Instead of going to the penalty box, players can opt to do two minutes of community service.	Free crayons and Pogs. (You see, he's 12 years old.)	Cabbie smackdown.	Yellow cab paint on the Zamboni.	Sno-cones made from the snow that the Ice Crew shovels between quarters.

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BEARS IN TIGHT SPOT

Desmond Clark, who has played in 68 consecutive games for the Bears, acknowledges his personal streak doesn't matter in the Bears' grand scheme.

The broken rib that will sideline him for Sunday's home opener against Pittsburgh and beyond means he won't be able to provide veteran leadership to an offense full of inexperienced talent trying to redeem itself after an opening-night loss at Green Bay.

"The toughest thing is just knowing you're not going to be able to be out there to help your team win," Clark said Wednesday. "There's nothing tougher than that."

Clark would be the first to say the tight end group will survive without him. A broken rib is an injury that can take 3 to 6 weeks to heal, although Clark continues to take the optimistic day-to-day approach.

"It's painful," he said. "When you have a broken rib, it's hard to twist, get up, sit down and roll over in the bed. It will only be like that for a few days. Then I'll be able to get back to running."

With Clark down, second-year player Kellen Davis moves up to the backup role behind starter Greg Olsen with newcomer Michael Gaines, an established blocker, third on the list.

"Greg's play has spoken for itself," Clark said. "With the other two guys, Michael has been in this league a long time now. Kellen hasn't really had his opportunity yet, playing behind Greg and I. But I don't think there's going to be any letdown."

The onus falls on Olsen to have a more productive showing than he did in Week 1. The Packers' shadowing defense, which limited him to one catch for eight yards, clearly frustrated him as only six balls came his way.

"It had a lot to do with them," Olsen said of the Packers defense. "A lot of in-and-out bracket coverage. But we were able to make some plays — Earl [Bennett], Devin [Hester] and Johnny [Knox] made some big plays on the outside. If teams continue to try to [shadow], our guys on the outside will continue to make those plays."

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MILWAUKEE 9, CUBS 5

The Cubs called up outfielder So Taguchi from Triple-A Iowa on Wednesday to replace the injured Sam Fuld. Taguchi, who hit .248 in 85 games, can play all three outfield positions and will back up Kosuke Fukudome in center.

25.1M Number of viewers for Sunday's Washington Redskins-New York Giants game on Fox, the most-watched opening game on record.



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- \$2 Drafts
- \$1 Mini Sandwiches

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SATURDAY

- \$3 Miller Lite Pints
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- \$5 All Bombs & Shots
- Food Specials (until 5pm)
- \$1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- \$1 Cups of Chili
- \$5 (10) Jumbo Wings

SUNDAY

- \$2.75 Miller Lite Pints
- \$14 Buckets of Corona or Corona Light
- \$6 Bloody Marys, Margaritas & Mojitos
- Food Specials
- \$1 Mini Cheeseburgers
- \$1 Cups of Chili
- \$5 (10) Jumbo Wings
- \$10.95 Brunch Buffet (until 3pm)

 3443 N. Southport Ave
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SATURDAY

Live Band Karaoke at 11PM

SUNDAY

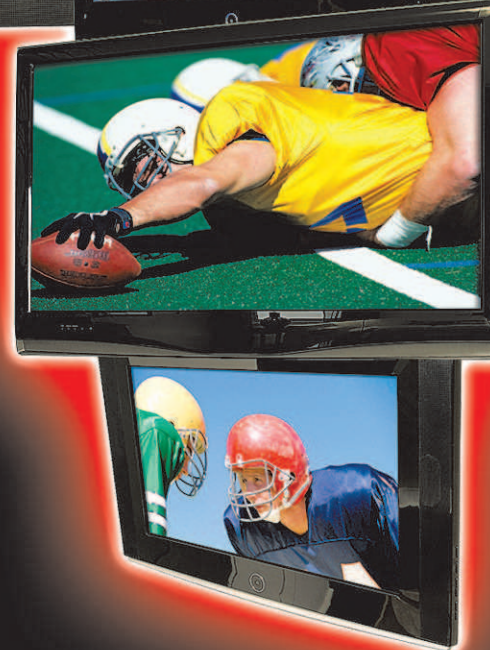
- \$4 Bloody Mary's, Large Pizza and a growler for \$25 (take-out only)

MONDAY

- \$3 Jim Beam shots
- \$3 PBR pints

 1927 W. North Ave
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SATURDAY

- \$7 32oz Bud/Bud Lite OSU Souvenir mugs (refillable)
- \$3 Shiner Bock Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary/Mimosa Bar
- \$10 Brunch Buffet

SUNDAY

- \$3 Domestic Drafts
- \$3 Bloody Mary/Mimosa Bar
- \$3 Bombs
- \$10 Brunch Buffet

MONDAY

- \$3 Burger and Fries
- \$5 Shrimp and Chips
- \$3 All Drafts
- \$3 Bombs

950 W. Wrightwood Ave
773.832.4000



SATURDAY

- \$5 Bacardi Cocktails
- \$3.50 Blue Moon Drafts
- \$3 Coors Light Bottles

SUNDAY

- \$6 Bloody Marys
- \$3 Miller Bottles

MONDAY

- \$5 BBQ Baby Back Ribs with Cole Slaw and Fries
- \$10 Pitchers of Sam Adams

3551 N. Sheffield Ave
773.327.7800



ALABAMA

- \$4 22oz Domestic Drafts
- \$5 22oz Well Drinks
- \$5 Bama Bombs
- 1/2 off appetizers

DALLAS

- \$4 22oz Domestic Drafts
- \$5 22oz Well Drinks
- \$5 Dallas Star Shots
- \$4 Appetizers

3438 N. Clark St.
773.244.1166



SATURDAY

- \$6 Coors Light Pitchers
- \$6 Tito's Handcrafted Bloody Mary's

SUNDAY

- \$3 Bears Cans
- \$3 Steelers Cans
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

- \$10 All You Can Handle Tail Gate Buffet
- \$5 Absolute Bloody Mary Bar and Mimosa Bar

MONDAY

- \$3 Miller Lite, MGD and Coors
- \$3 Glasses of Sangria / \$10 Pitchers

500 N. La Salle Dr
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- \$3 mimosa
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SUNDAY

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- \$3 Mimosas
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- \$5 Breakfast Sliders
- \$5 Mini Burgers

MONDAY

- \$15 Buckets of Coors Light
- \$1 Tacos

1925 W. Cortland St
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- Brunch from 10am-3pm

MONDAY

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- \$5 Bloody Mary's
- \$15 (5) Bud and Bud Light Buckets of Beer
- \$6 Gameday Plates

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- \$3 Peach Mimosas

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- \$5 Bloody Mary's
- \$4 Mimosas
- \$6 Orange Crush Bombs

SUNDAY

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- \$5 Bloody Marys
- \$4 Mimosas
- \$5 Bombs

MONDAY

- \$7 Pizzas
- 1/2 Priced Appetizers 4-7pm
- \$15 Coors Light Buckets
- \$5 Bombs

1935 N. Sedgwick St
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- Notre Dame Football
- \$8 domestic drafts in 32-oz mugs

SUNDAY

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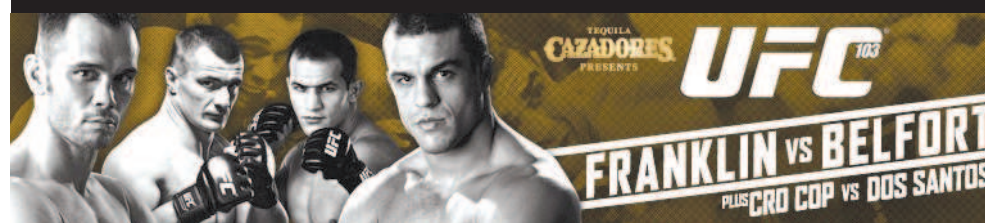
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Autumn openings

Prepare to fall hard for this season's crop of new bars and restaurants

By Lisa Arnett and M. Kathleen Pratt

Shorter days, cooler nights and the inevitable fading of that hard-earned summer tan—there's plenty to bemoan about the start of fall. But two-thirds of the way through a somewhat tepid year on the bar and restaurant front, things finally seem to be heating up. Here's a preview of what we're most looking forward to this fall.

Bar Novo

1 W. Wacker Dr. 312-372-7200

We usually don't get too worked up about lobby bars, but this lounge inside the Renaissance Hotel has our attention for two reasons: It'll surely soak up runoff from oft-packed Roof across the street, and cocktails such as a cucumber-bell pepper margarita and basil-tangerine gimlet promise to satiate our thirst for summery drinks as the season shifts to fall.

ETA: Soft opening Thursday; grand opening in October

Sweetwater

225 N. Michigan Ave.

Talk about trading up: Bennigan's closed, and in its place springs this bar and grill from the owners of Wicker Park's the Boundary. "Drink-wise, it's a complete twin sister [to the Boundary] ... with about 70 craft brews by the bottle," says co-owner Jason Akemann. The modern-lodge look is the same (stacked stone, leather booths), but the menu includes new dishes such as barbecued baby back ribs.

ETA: Late September, with a 150-seat beer garden to follow in spring 2010.

Belly Shack

1912 N. Western Ave.

Asian and Latin flavors converge at this casual BYOB from the Urban Belly crew (Bill Kim; his wife, Yvonne Cadiz-Kim; and his brother Mike Kim) plus Cadiz-Kim's sister Yasmina Cadiz, who collaborated on graffiti-inspired art and reclaimed urban-design elements in the dining room.

The salad-, soup- and sandwich-focused menu salutes Kim's Korean heritage and Cadiz-Kim's Puerto Rican background with dishes such as Asian tortilla soup, made with rice cakes blended into the broth. Save room for dessert: Soft-serve ice cream comes with toppings such as bacon-chocolate chip cookies from Hot Chocolate's Mindy Segal.

ETA: Mid-October

1531 N. Damen Ave.

Referred to by its address until a name is announced, this Bakersfield sound-inspired bar in the former Pontiac space comes from a powerhouse group that's had a hand in everything from Danny's Tavern to Blackbird to the Publican. Expect a raw look (concrete floor, wooden booths, exposed lightbulbs) and bartenders playing honky tonk on turntables behind the bar. To drink? Lesser-known whiskeys, tequilas and cheap brews. To eat? Tacos courtesy of Paul Kahan and Avec sous chef Justin Large.

ETA: Mid- to late October. Patio to debut in spring 2010.

Tantrik

800 W. Superior St. 312-492-8889 Sex sells, right? Only time will tell at this Kama Sutra-inspired River West club. Though the club is currently under construction, forthcoming bragging points include a glass-enclosed DJ booth and VIP "suites" with oversized beds.

ETA: October



Bar Novo's Matthew Ochse
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DMK Burger Bar

2954 N. Sheffield Ave.

Michael Kornick, best known for fancier fare at River North's MK, is teaming up with David Morton (of the Morton's Steakhouse family) at this Lakeview burger spot where the focus is on local, organic ingredients. The duo promises patties made from grass-fed, locally raised meat and poultry and a lineup of house-made sodas, local brews and custom wines.

ETA: Late October

Hearty

3819 N. Broadway. 773-244-9866

Though they've been serving brunch in their Boystown studio since early this year, Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh (a.k.a. the Hearty Boys) are now converting the space into a full-fledged restaurant serving twists on comfort food classics such as tuna noodle casserole reimagined as

egg noodles with saffron cream, wild mushroom sautee, seared panko-crusted ahi and crushed wasabi peas.
ETA: Nov. 4

Purple Pig

500 N. Michigan Ave.

Heaven on Seven's Jimmy Bannos, his son Jimmy Bannos Jr. and Scott Harris of the Mia Francesca empire are going hog wild at this Mediterranean-focused wine, cheese and sharable plates spot. Prepare to pork up with house-cured salumi, pig liver pate, sheep's milk ricotta with pork neckbone gravy and other piggy delights. There also is a substantial cheese program and a 200-plus-bottle wine list with an emphasis on under-\$40 picks.

ETA: Mid-November

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best bets

By Samantha Nelson
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That '70s Night

Reggie's Music Joint, 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120

Take a trip to the decade of disco with a night of '70s-themed music, videos, burlesque and dance shows. 7 p.m.-2 a.m. \$7

'The Great Jelly Bean Taste Test'

Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-7336.

A comedy for anyone who's found comfort in candy after a bad date, this play compares male personality traits to jelly bean flavors. The show debuts today and runs 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 31. \$25.

Happy Hour Cocktail Class

Nacional 27, 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

Infuse some booze into peach season with a lesson on mixing two fruity drinks. The class includes appetizers, cocktails and recipe cards. 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$20. RSVP recommended.

Fashion Cafe

Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph St. 312-744-6630.

Need to upgrade your fall wardrobe? Meet other fashion fiends while browsing accessories at this monthly local fashion showcase. 5-8 p.m.



'The Flesh Hungry Dog Show Back to School Special'

Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St. 773-743-5772.

Party like you don't have any homework at a special edition of the monthly LGBT-friendly variety show featuring live music from Jinx Titanic. 8 p.m. \$10.

Rosh Hashanah dinner

Mon Ami Gabi, 2300 N. Lincoln Park West. 773-348-8886.

Celebrate the Jewish New Year with a six-course dinner featuring traditional food like matzo ball soup and brisket. 5-10 p.m. \$34.95; \$16.95 for kids under 12. RSVP required.

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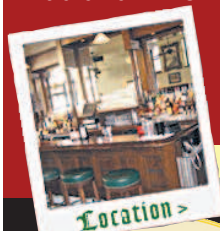
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First place:
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Best wings in Chicago

Who won the most votes in our week-long poll?

Jay Cutler may not have gotten the 2009 Bears off to a stellar start, but our Sept. 9 “Wing nuts” article and week-long online poll to name the best wings in Chicago sure made for a strong kickoff to wings season.

In addition to the 16 spots highlighted in the story, we received write-ins for other contenders, including Bird’s Nest, Buffalo Wild Wings and Weather Mark Tavern. And though we limited the competition to wing-slinging spots within city limits, comments streamed in supporting suburban spots such as Buffalo Joe’s in Evanston and Gators Wing Shack in Palatine and Waukegan.

Several spots sprung into action to campaign for votes and ended up as front-runners. First place went to **The Fifty/50** (2047 W. Division St.), which took to the Twittersphere to encourage fans to vote for their wings, spiced with house-made hot sauce. Second-place winners



Second place:
Buffalo Wings & Rings

Buffalo Wings & Rings (3434 S. Halsted St.) in Bridgeport even set up laptops for customers to cast post-meal votes. Streeterville spot **Timothy O’Toole’s** (622 N. Fairbanks Ct.) came in third—not surprising, considering they took first place in the hot category at Wing Fest 2009.

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THURSDAY BARS PICKS

THE COACH HOUSE

9 p.m.: “Project Runway” viewing party. Watch the sixth season of the reality show on seven flat-screen TVs. Drink specials include \$2 Bud Light cans, \$3 select vodka shots and \$6 Coach House cosmos (Skyy Citrus, Pama, cranberry juice and lime juice). No cover; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

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10 p.m.: Battle of the

Bands. Bands compete weekly for a \$1,000 prize and a chance to play at the House of Blues. Also, get \$2 Corona, Corona Light and Pacifico bottles and \$5 O bombs. \$5; 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.

HUB 51

7 p.m.: Kristin Harmel Book Launch. Meet the author and pick up a copy of her fifth novel, “Italian for Beginners,” at a bash featuring Little Black Dress Wines.

Includes appetizers, a live acoustic set from Jerry Cherry and an appearance from T-shirt designer Amy Tangerine. The book tells the story of a woman who goes to Rome looking for love, but finds herself instead. No cover. RSVP recommended; 51 W. Hubbard St. 630-315-2961.

THE UNDERGROUND

7 p.m.: UCAN Benefit. A fundraising party features live music from Jeffrey David and The Aristocrats, cocktails

and appetizers. \$25-\$30; 56 W. Illinois St. 312-644-7600.

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8 p.m.: Dirty Bingo. The popular board game gets a raunchy reworking at this monthly bash. The \$10 cover buys players 10 Bingo boards and one drink (each additional board costs \$1; every \$10 board comes with a drink). Includes prizes and drink specials. \$10; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

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It's all kosher

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Their eats: You might wonder how chef Erik Williams, who isn't Jewish and didn't know all that much about Jewish dietary law until recently, came to head the kitchen at Morgan Harbor Grill, a kosher parve restaurant that opened in early August next to Good Morgan Kosher Fish in West Rogers Park. The answer is simple. It all comes down to fish.

Kosher parve means no dairy and no meat, so dinner options often default to fish. And Williams, who's also been in the kitchen at Bin 36 and Volo, has worked at Burhop's Seafood and Dirk's Fish, which he helped open. With his background, he always found himself working the fish station at restaurant jobs. In other words, Williams is a good fish chef—and a good fish chef is a good kosher parve chef.

Kosher parve, Williams explains, is a flexible option for dining out because it's a neutral designation. "Typically, if you're eating parve, you can have it any time of the day regardless of anything else that you've eaten," Williams says. "Having a parve restaurant means that if you had a hamburger for lunch, you can still come for dinner.

"The challenge, of course, is that we don't have any meat and we don't have any dairy."

That's where Williams' experience with fish comes in handy. Relying almost entirely on simple pastas and fish dishes, he brings fine-dining finesse to kosher fare. Though you can order a classic grilled or fried whitefish sand-

wich (\$12), the heart of the menu includes more refined options such as crispy-skinned barramundi with a house-made matzo ball, summer veggies and wild mushroom jus (\$21), and black miso-marinated escolar (\$22) grilled on a cedar plank and served atop truffle-scented hot slaw with Moroccan preserved lemon sauce.

Morgan Harbor isn't offering a special menu for the Jewish high holidays but will keep regular weekday hours. The restaurant is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and closes before sundown Fridays (currently 3 p.m.) and all day Saturday. It also will be closed Sundays through Oct. 11.

Your drinks: Anything you bring to Morgan Harbor Grill must be kosher. That means beer made strictly with traditional ingredients (water, hops, barley, yeast) is fair game. But fruit beers or pumpkin ales seen this time of year need to be certified and labeled to make the cut (most aren't).

If you're drinking wine, you'll need a bottle that's kosher certified, bearing a seal that indicates the production has been supervised from start to finish. For one of the wider selections around, head down the block to **Kol Tuv Kosher Foods** (2938 W. Devon Ave. 773-764-1800). Owner Chayim Knobloch stocks a variety of kosher-certified wines and sake. For grilled fish dishes, try a bottle of Barkan sauvignon blanc (\$10.49), a crisp, light-bodied white with herbal notes.

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St. 312-923-2000.

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'Sunny' burns

It's always outrageous, controversial and funny with the 'Philadelphia' gang

This article may contain potential spoilers if you don't want to know anything about the show.

Breathe easy, fans of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." Green Man will be back.

But Charlie (Charlie Day) donning the tight green body suit won't be the only highlight of the FX series' fifth season. Charlie and the gang—Mac (Rob McElhenney), Dennis (Glenn Howerton), Sweet Dee (Kaitlin Olson) and Frank (Danny DeVito)—also try flipping houses, staging an intervention, renting out Dee's uterus and selling a nasty movie script to M. Night Shyamalan.

Things are definitely funny on "Sunny."

The controversial, outrageous and hysterical comedy returns at 9 p.m. Thursday, and according to writers/creators/stars McElhenney and Howerton, their characters are just as reprehensible as ever.

"You could make the argument that these are like the most short-sighted, present-minded, completely selfish characters," Howerton said during a sit-down at San Diego Comic-Con in July. Howerton said the "gang," as the show calls the owners of Paddy's Pub in Philadelphia, have only one thing on their minds at all times:



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IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA
9 p.m. Thursday, FX



"What do I need right now?"

As the new season opens, the gang desperately needs money in these trying economic times. In "The Gang Exploits the Mortgage Crisis," Frank, Mac and Dennis try their hands at real estate while Dee arranges to be a surrogate mom to a wealthy couple with a sweet house and pool.

"You guys wanna go for an Octomom thing? Eh? I'm game," she tells them.

Obviously, this show isn't for everyone, and McElhenney knows it.

"It alienates a certain [section] of the viewing public that we just don't care about," McElhenney said in a separate interview. "That doesn't mean that they're wrong or they're lame. It just means that they're not for us."

"We feel like our audience is young and sick of watching the same boring [bleep], repetitive thing that they're seeing every week. They want to see something new, something fun, something that they have never seen before."

The show's die-hard fan base sure appreciates their work. The show has drawn a cult following that has created online fan groups and Green Man clubs. The response to last season's finale, "The Nightman Cometh," was so great that the cast decided to perform the made-up opera in the episode live in a series of productions on both coasts. Sadly, the tour does not stop in Chicago.

Ratings for the series have grown from season to season, fans are snapping up its DVDs, and it ranks among the most-downloaded and watched online.

"Sunny" has gained its fame and fan base for pushing the boundaries of good taste, with stories about abortion, the gas crisis, incest and cannibalism, among many other taboo topics. But McElhenney and Howerton say



PREMIERE PARTY

The Brownstone Tavern and hellogreenman.com are throwing a viewing party Thursday for "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" at the Brownstone, 3937 N. Lincoln Ave. Winners from two contests—for best Green Man dance and best "Sunny" costume—will win prizes. The show starts at 9 p.m., so arrive as early as your liver will allow.



that the writers don't feel any pressure to keep the show controversial or to intentionally be gross or shocking. It just happens that way.

"I like to think that the show is intelligent and that it's smart, and that structurally we're telling a good story and a valid story," he said. "It's just what we find funny. It's what makes us laugh. When we're breaking stories we're always like, 'Oh, my God, we can't do that—we should do that!'"

McElhenney used an upcoming story line to illustrate. They decided to dedicate an episode to an alcohol and drug intervention because Howerton and Olson are fans of the reality series "Intervention," and the entire cast knows Dr. Drew Pinsky, the man behind the series "Celebrity Rehab."

"So we're thinking, how can we do something like that?" McElhenney said as he explained the process. "This show is ripe for an intervention. How can we come at something that's very sad and very serious [and] take a comedic bent," McElhenney said. "So you have us intervening on Frank for his behavior. But we're not intervening because of his drug use, we're just intervening because he's being a [bleep]."

The result? This season's third episode, "The Gang Gives Frank an Intervention."

So far, the boundary-pushing stories on "Sunny" haven't run afoul of TV or network censors, McElhenney said. They get the satirical nature of the show.

"We're not specifically attempting to offend



Glenn Howerton (from left), Charlie Day, Rob McElhenney, Danny DeVito and Kaitlin Olson make up the gang on 'Sunny.'
FX

anyone and we're not attacking any particular group," he said. "If we're attacking anybody its ourselves, because we're the biggest idiots on television."

Howerton, McElhenney and the show's writers might be the most critical of potential story lines. They both said they haven't come across any subject that was too taboo to write about, but then McElhenney reconsidered.

"Animal abuse is never something that anybody seems to find funny so we stay away from that one," he said, "although we do have an episode this year called 'Kitten Mittens' ..."

» For more on the new season of "Sunny," go to redye.chicago.com/showpatrol.

THURSDAY SLUGFEST

NBC and Fox launch their assaults in the battle over TV's most competitive night this Thursday, joining The CW players "The Vampire Diaries" and "Supernatural." But will anyone survive the onslaught of CBS' venerable "Survivor," back for its 19th edition? Here's what to expect. c.w.

7 P.M.



!!! Bones Fox

Cyndi Lauper (above) wants to have fun, and I wish she could in the Season 5 opener. She doesn't sing or dance playing a psychic who leads Bones and Booth to bodies buried beneath a fountain, and that's too bad. I've been a fan of "Bones" since the beginning, but I'm over the lingering story line about a possible Bones-Booth love match. I liked them better as the Bickersons.

Survivor: Samoa CBS

(Not reviewed)

Chicago law student Jaison Robinson is among the 19 castaways dumped into the wild, where we'll get bickering, backstabbing and host Jeff Probst.

Weekend Update Thursday NBC

(Not reviewed)

Seth Meyers and, yes, guest-star Amy Poehler deliver all the news that's fit to mock. But last time "Update" aired on Thursdays, there was an election going on. How will it fly now? Um, I bet we'll get a Kanye West joke, don't you think?

7:30 P.M.



!!! Parks and Recreation NBC

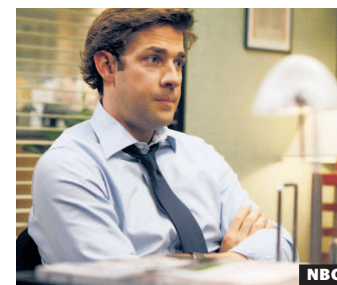
Over the summer, Pawnee, Ind., parks and rec commissioner Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler, above) marries a pair of penguins to boost attendance at the zoo. The "cute" plan backfires when people learn that both penguins are male, and thus, conservatives attack Leslie for supporting same-sex marriage. She also dances at a gay bar. The second season premiere is a bit messagey, but "P&R" has charmed me into noticing it. Next week's episode about an alleged pot garden in a park is even funnier.

8 P.M.



!!!! Fringe Fox

Still reeling from the Season 1 finale, when Olivia (Anna Torv) met with the mysterious William Bell (Leonard Nimoy) in the still-standing World Trade Center? Olivia returns from that alternate universe—and she's not alone. According to Joshua Jackson (above left), his character, Peter Bishop, will get heroic this season, helping his mad scientist dad, Walter (John Noble, above right), and Olivia make sense of the freak show they live in.



!!! The Office NBC

Pam's pregnant, but she (Jenna Fischer) and Jim (John Krasinski, left) don't want anyone to know, which leads to the Season 6 premiere's theme about rumors. Michael (Steve Carell) can't stand being kept in the dark, so he spreads rumors about everyone in the office so they think he has a secret. He's finally stepped over the line, and that's not so funny.

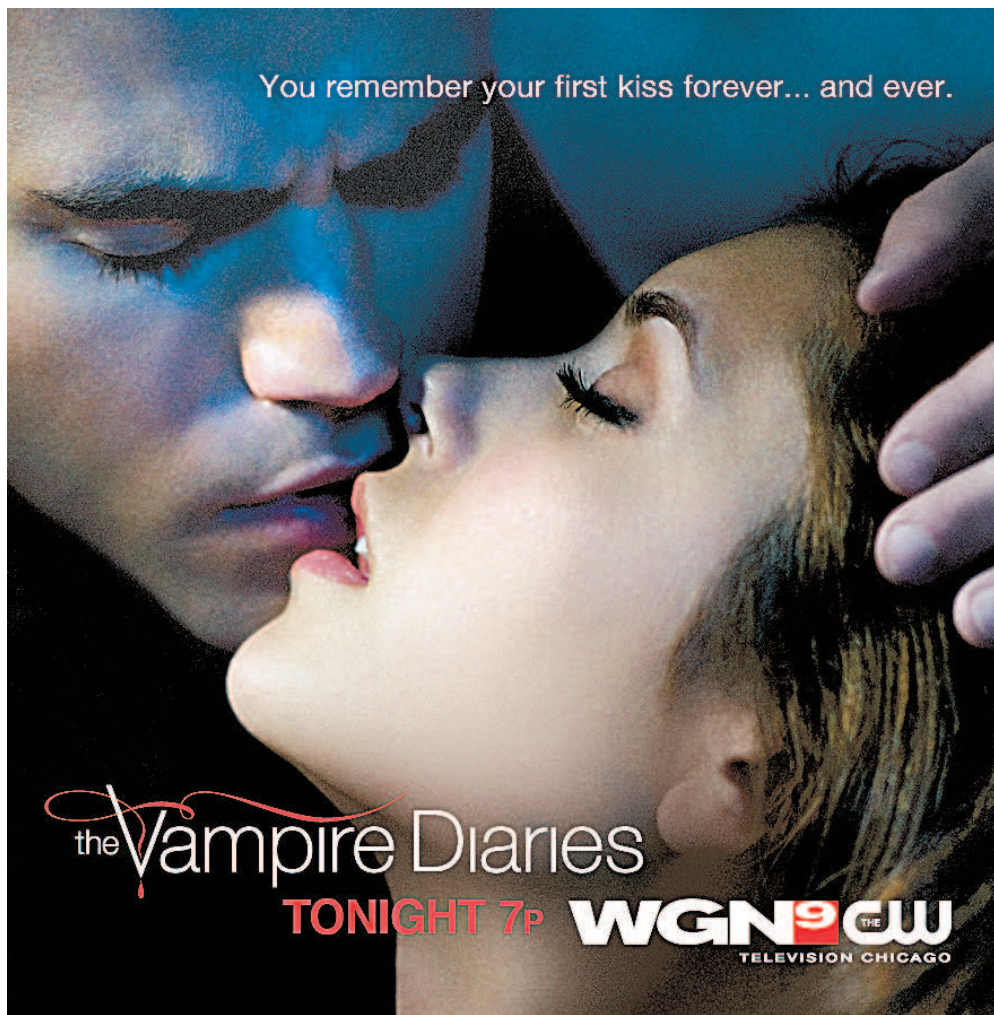
8:30 P.M.



Community NBC

Chevy Chase leads a group of oddball community college students (including Chicago native Dan Pudi) who sign up for a tutoring session created by Joel McHale's lawyer character, Jeff Winger (left), so he could score a date. Although I wasn't grabbing at my sides, "Community" had me chuckling throughout the first two eps. It's one of the season's best new comedies, and I say that as a former community college student.

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- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Gamer** (R) ★ 12:40,3:10,5:30,7:50,10:35
- **Final Destination 3D** (R) 12:30,2:40,4:50,7:10,9:20
- **Halloween II** (R) 4:00,6:50,9:30
- **IngLOURious** (R) 12:20,3:15,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:45,10:15
- **District 9** (R) (Closed caption) 2:15,5:15,8:00,10:40
- **Ponyo** (G) 1:00 P.M.
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- **Gamer** (R) 2:00,4:25,7:05,9:40
- **Halloween II** (R) 1:25,3:45,6:45,9:10
- **IngLOURious** (R) 2:50,6:15,9:20
- **Whiteout** (R) 2:15,4:45,7:15,9:45
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- **All About Steve** (PG-13) 2:10,4:40,7:20,9:50
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 1:20,3:40,4:50,6:00,6:55,8:00,9:15,10:05
- **Shorts** (PG) 2:20 P.M.
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 1:50,4:35,7:10,10:00
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- AMC Select **Moon** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00
- **Ocean of Pearls** (PG-13) 1:30,4:00,6:00,8:00

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- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) 11:30,1:30,2:30,4:30,5:30,7:30,8:30,10:30,11:20
- **Gamer** (R) 11:50,2:25,5:05,7:50,10:35
- **Extract** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:20
- AMC Select **Taking Woods.** (R) 3:25 P.M.
- **Halloween II** (R) 1:20,10:05
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- **Halloween II** (R) 1:45,4:15,7:00,9:40
- **Taking Woods.** (R) 1:20,4:30,7:20,10:15
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 8:10,10:20
- **IngLOURious** (R) 12:50,2:45,4:45,6:10,8:00,9:30
- **District 9** (R) 12:40,3:30,6:30,9:10
- **Ponyo** (G) 2:40,5:15
- **Time Traveler** (PG-13) 1:10,3:45,6:45,9:20
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 12:30,3:20,6:20,9:15
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,6:50,9:55
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) 1:50,4:20,6:40,9:00

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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- **Warped Tour** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 1:40,4:15,7:00,9:40
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 1:30,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:30
- **Extract** (R) ★ 2:10,5:00,7:50,10:20
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 12:30 P.M.
- **IngLOURious** (R) 12:20,1:20,2:50,4:40,6:20,8:00,9:50
- **District 9** (R) 1:10,4:10,7:30,10:15
- **Time Traveler** (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,6:40,9:20
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:45,4:40,7:20,10:10
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 2:20,5:10,7:40,10:00
- **The Hangover** (R) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 1:20,4:10,6:50,9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,1:40,2:10,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:40,7:10,7:40,9:20,9:50,10:20
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:30,10:10
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:00,6:05,8:15,10:30
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:30,9:00
- **Extract** (R) ★ 2:40,5:10,7:45,10:00
- **Gamer** (R) ★ 2:20,4:40,7:20,9:45
- **Final Destination 3D** (R) 2:30,4:45,7:00,9:10
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00,5:00,7:50,10:25
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 12:50,3:30,6:20,8:40
- **IngLOURious** (R) 2:50,6:15,9:30
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15

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CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 1:20,4:10,6:50,9:15
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 1:40,2:10,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:40,7:10,7:40,9:20,9:50,10:20
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:30,10:10
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:00,6:05,8:15,10:30
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:30,9:00
- **Extract** (R) ★ 2:40,5:10,7:45,10:00
- **Gamer** (R) ★ 2:20,4:40,7:20,9:45
- **Final Destination 3D** (R) 2:30,4:45,7:00,9:10
- **Halloween II** (R) 2:00,5:00,7:50,10:25
- **Final Destinatr** (R) 3:45,6:20,8:40
- **IngLOURious** (R) 2:50,6:15,9:30
- **District 9** (R) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **G.I. Joe: Cobra** (PG-13) 12:50 P.M.
- **G-Force** (PG) 1:10 P.M.

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- 9 (PG-13) ★ 12:05,2:00,3:55,5:50,7:45,9:40
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) ★ 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
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- **IngLOURious** (R) 12:00,3:05,6:10,9:15
- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:30,4:10,6:50,9:30

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- **Sorority Row** (R) ★ 12:15,2:50,5:25,8:00,10:30
- **I Can Do Bad** (PG-13) ★ 11:25,12:50,2:10,3:30,4:50,6:10,7:30,8:50,10:10
- **Warped Tour** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **Whiteout** (R) ★ 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:40,10:10
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 12:15,2:40,5:05,7:35,9:50
- 9 (PG-13) ★ 11:30,12:20,1:35,2:30,3:40,4:40,5:45,6:50,7:50,9:00,9:55
- **All About Steve** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:45,5:10,7:40,10:05
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- **Julie & Julia** (PG-13) 1:30,4:25,7:20,10:15
- **My One and Only** (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:40,5:15,7:50,10:25
- **Ponyo** (G) 11:35,2:05,4:35
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VIDEO GAMES

'Muramasa: The Demon Blade'

\$49.99 for Wii

"Muramasa: The Demon Blade" is a new, stylistic samurai sidescrolling action game with role-playing elements that will satisfy even the most hard-core of gamers. Your jaw will drop in admiration at the art. Almost everything in Muramasa is delightful eye-candy: the vibrantly colorful backgrounds, imaginative bosses and the flashy combat. The story is ho-hum, but as good as the game looks and plays, you won't mind much.

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'An American Werewolf in London'

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'Army of Darkness Screwhead Edition'

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Universal is releasing a slew of horror flicks on DVD, including these two comic classics. In director John Landis' "Werewolf," American student David (David Naughton) survives a wolf attack outside of London and soon believes he is a werewolf. Need I say more? And in Sam Raimi's "Army," the unstoppable Bruce Campbell plays Ash, a man who travels back to the 13th Century where he leads humanity's fight against the living dead. Ash can destroy the demons if he reads the right passage from an ancient book. That's a big if. Extras include "Beware the Moon," a feature-length doc on the film. "Army's" extras include the new featurette, "Creating the Deadites."

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- 18 Blaring alarm
- 19 Dishonorable
- 22 Utilize
- 23 Get back
- 24 Squeeze water from
- 26 Ivory or Dial
- 29 Droopy-eared dog
- 32 _ four; small pastry
- 36 Unconscious state
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- 40 Luster
- 41 Roll call response
- 42 Work the soil
- 43 Choir number
- 44 Prescribed amounts
- 45 Turkey's capital
- 47 Japanese form of wrestling
- 49 Fully alert
- 51 Pennsylvania or Fifth
- 56 Tabby or tiger
- 58 Ready to fight
- 61 Excuse
- 63 "Free"; film about a lioness
- 64 Opposed to, informally
- 65 Embankment
- 66 Woodwind
- 67 _ good example; be a role model
- 68 Encounters
- 69 Departed
- 70 First lady

DOWN

- 1 Color with a slight shade
- 2 Surrounded by
- 3 Italian city of Columbus' birth
- 4 Game piece
- 5 Perched atop
- 6 Salami shop

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While plugging his new flick "Up in the Air" at the Toronto Film Festival, Clooney put a bizarre mental image into the heads of reporters when asked about Facebook.

"I'd rather have a rectal examination on live TV by a fellow with cold hands than have a Facebook page," the New York Post quotes the actor as saying.

RedEye thinks Clooney would like Facebook if he gave it a chance; it would make it so much easier for the actor and his jet-setting pals to keep in touch whether he's in Italy, L.A. or filming in Dubai. His A-list homepage might look a little something like this. **ARIEL ALEXOVICH, REDEYE**

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MATT DAMON is hating this diet! wishing I could go back to binge eating for "The Informant"

[Jimmy Kimmel](#) likes this

Ben Affleck: sucks to be you, bro!



KIM FIELDS: wrote on your wall
"george, u want in on "facts of life" reunion?? would love to have u!!"
KanYe WeST: Not unless Beyonce plays Tootie and I get to be Blair. Whoops. Sorry.



JOHN STAMOS today's one of those days when I miss ER sooo much!!
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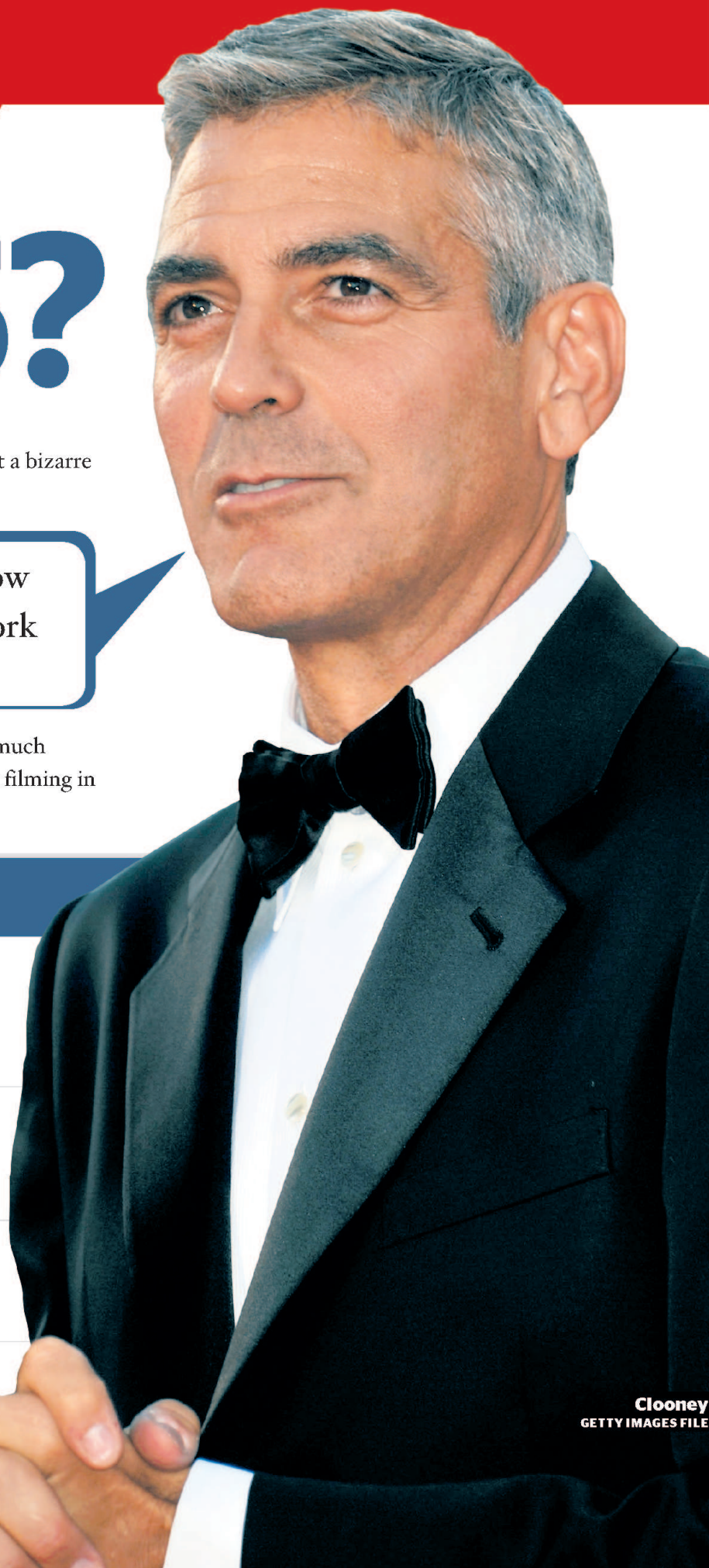
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Estimated number of copies that "The Blueprint 3" sold last week, according to Nielsen SoundScan, giving Jay-Z his 11th No. 1 album. That's more than Elvis had as a solo artist.

SCARLETT'S 'MAN'

Want tickets to the L.A. premiere of "Iron Man 2" next spring? Scarlett Johansson is auctioning off two tickets and an opportunity to meet her, according to **people.com**. The auction starts Thursday at **ebay.com/oxfam** and ends Sept. 24. Proceeds will benefit the charity Oxfam America.

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The Midas tush

How much would you pay for a genuine Rod Blagojevich seat? As of Wednesday night, the chair in which the former governor sat on Jimmy Kimmel's Sept. 10 show was going for about \$5,500 on eBay. The used item, according to the posting, is "relatively hair-free."



Kanyaga!

If Chicago fans want to give hometown rapper Kanye West a piece of their mind over his outburst at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday, they'll have to wait until Jan. 16. That's when West and Lady Gaga will perform at the United Center, according to tour dates reported Wednesday on **billboard.com**.

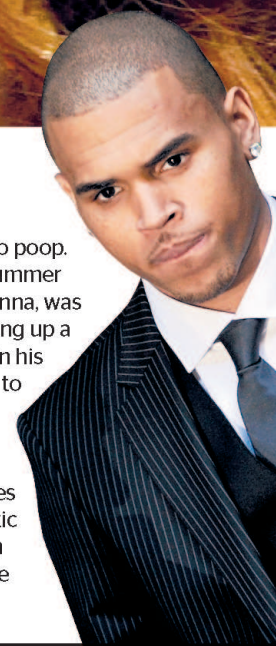
Gay ol' time

"The Newlywed Game" is boldly going where it has not gone before. The game show will feature its first gay couple this season—"Star Trek's" George Takei and partner Brad Altman—on a celebrity episode. "What we want is to display the normality and the joy of having a happy union," Takei said. The episode is expected to air in October.

Poop star

Chris Brown has gone from pop to poop. Brown, who pleaded guilty this summer to charges that he assaulted Rihanna, was photographed Wednesday cleaning up a horse stable belonging to police in his home state of Virginia, according to "Access Hollywood."

The work is part of his court-ordered 180 days of community service. The sentence also requires Brown to attend a year of domestic violence training and refrain from contacting Rihanna during his five years on probation.



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